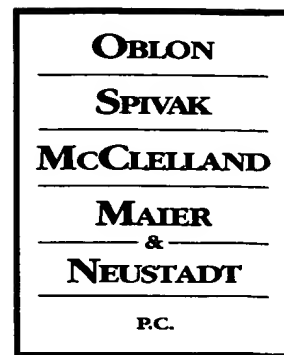




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In response to the Notice of Drawing Inconsistency dated January 24, 2007, please  
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**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

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